

**Remarks**

This amendment is made to put the case in condition for allowance. It is a follow-up response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003 in which the Examiner indicated the allowance of claims 8, 9 and 13 and 11 and 12 provided that they are (1) amended to include certain limitations, (2) rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and (3) amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended to meet those 3 conditions.

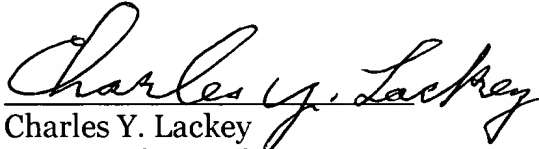
The specification has also been amended to correct numerals in several Figures and to make the numerals in the specification and Figures consistent. A new Abstract is submitted as required by the January 7, 2003 Office Action.

It is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If there are questions or comments concerning the application in its present form, a telephone call to the undersigned at (336) 659-8249 is respectfully requested.

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It is submitted that claims 8,9, 11 - 13 are now in condition for allowance,  
and that action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments in the Specification:**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), the following replacement paragraphs show all the changes made by the foregoing amendment relative to the previous versions of the paragraphs.

Cancel the old Abstract and enter the following new Abstract:

A rotary shelf assembly mechanism [having] has shelves mounted on a vertical post arrangement formed by a first lower post and a second upper post. The mechanism is connected to a cabinet frame by upper [uppOer] and lower mounting brackets interacting with [withy] the top and bottom of the cabinet frame to support the posts and shelves carried thereby. The mechanism is mounted in the corner of the cabinet interior. To fit the mechanism within the cabinet, a height adjustment device is formed by positioning the [a] second upper post in the upper end of [a] the first [vertical] lower post for slidable movement [therein] therebetween. When securement of the two joined posts and mounted shelves is desired, the [slidable] slidably movable second upper post is extended upwardly until it engages the upper mounting bracket. An elongated recess in the second upper posts aligns with an opening in the first [vertical] lower post, and a [to receive] threaded member extends into a casting member positioned within the upper post. The [screw] threaded member is tightened to engage the casting member and secure the two posts in a shelf-retaining and rotational mode. The height adjustment device enables [the assembly to be quickly and efficiently mounted] quick and efficient installation of the mechanism within the cabinet

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interior. [A] The mechanism also includes a one piece shelf construction having a post-securing section and a shelf- retaining pin [are also included].

**Amendments in the Claims :**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1,121(c), the following versions of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendment show all the changes made relative to the previous versions of the claims.

4. (three times amended) A rotary shelf assembly mechanism comprising: [post means] a vertical post arrangement; first and second mounting brackets spaced apart from and opposing each other supporting the post [means] arrangement; at least one single piece shelf connected to the post [means] arrangement, the post [means] arrangement having pin-receiving apertures at the location of each of the at least one [supported] connected shelf, each of the at least one single piece shelves having an integral post-securing section including a hub and a pin-receiving indent within the hub; and a pin extending through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and cooperatively received and retained by the [integral post securing section] pin-receiving indent of the at least one shelf to secure the at least one shelf to the post [means] arrangement.

5. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the pin is [a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material] an elongated element having first and second ends and the pin-receiving indent engages at least one of the pin ends when the pin operably secures the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.

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6. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the post [means] arrangement includes a first lower post having first and second ends and a second upper post having first and second ends and sized to be telescopically received within the second end of the first post and having an elongated recess extending longitudinally to the axis of the second post, the first post having an aperture; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture into the [second] elongated recess of the second post to secure the second post with the first post to join the posts and insure connected post rotation.

7. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pin is [a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material] an elongated element having first and second ends and the pin-receiving indent engages at least one of the pin ends when the pin operably secures the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.

8. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim [4] 7 wherein the [post means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture, the second post having an elongated recess; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post to join the posts and insure connected post rotation] pin-receiving indent includes a post-encircling sleeve and at least one pin-receiving indent portion connecting with the post-encircling

sleeve to cooperatively receive the pin within the at least one indent portion and the post-encircling sleeve and through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and the post.

9. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim [5] 7 wherein the [post means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture and the second post having an elongated recess; a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post and thereby join the posts and insure connected post rotation] pin-receiving indent includes a post-encircling sleeve to cooperatively receive the pin within the at least one indent portion and the post-encircling sleeve and through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and the post.

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11. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the hub of the at least one single piece shelf [each of the single piece shelves is formed with a hub having] has a post-receiving opening and the post securing indent is a rectangularly shaped recess communicating with the post-receiving opening, the post [means] arrangement having diametrically aligned apertures at each of the at least one shelf positions [shelf position], and the pin is cooperatively received by the shelf hub, the post securing indent [rectangularly

shaped recess] and the post diametrically aligned apertures to secure the at least one shelf to the post.

12. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 11 wherein the pin is [a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material] an elongated element having first and second ends and the pin-receiving indent engages at least one of the pin ends when the pin operably secures the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.

13. (three times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim [12] 7 wherein the [post means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture and the second post having an elongated recess; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post and insure connected rotation post rotation] pin-receiving indent includes a post-encircling sleeve and at least one pin-receiving indent portion and the post-encircling sleeve and through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and the post, and the hub of the at least one single piece shelf has a post-receiving opening and the post-securing indent is a rectangularly shaped recess communicating with the post-receiving opening, the post arrangement has diametrically aligned apertures at the at least one shelf position and the pin is cooperatively received by the shelf hub, the post-securing indent and the post diametrically aligned apertures to secure the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.